MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Have the Government considered that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have considered that and have decided to invest him with Second Class powers.

Minor Irrigation Committee.

346. MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*): With reference to the Minor Irrigation Committee appointed in 1930, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the name and official designation of the President;

(*b*) the name and official designation of the Convener, if any;

(*c*) the name and official designation of the Secretary, if any;

(*d*) if there was a Secretary, who appointed him and on whose recommendation;

(*e*) who appointed the clerical staff; and

(*f*) who had the control of the office arrangements and routine?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Mr. K. A. Krishna Aiyangar, Deputy President, Legislative Council, from the 15th March 1930 to the 13th January 1931, and Mr. J. S. Westerdale, Chief Engineer, from the 13th January 1931 till the date of submission of the Committee's report.

(*b*) Mr. A. Vipan, Chief Engineer, and since the termination of his service in the State, Mr. J. S. Westerdale, Chief Engineer.

(*c*) Mr. N. Kesavan Tampi, Supervisor in the Public Works Department.

(*d*) The Secretary was appointed by Government on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer who was also the Convener.

(*e*) The Government, the choice of persons being made by the Chief Engineer who was the Convener.

(*f*) The Convener of the Committee.

Investigation of hydro-electric schemes.

347. MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of hydro-electric schemes that have been investigated by them; and

(*b*) whether they propose to carry out any scheme in the near future?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 12.

(*b*) Yes, the Pallivasal scheme is proposed to be taken up in 1108.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): May I know what those 12 schemes are?.

PRESIDENT: It will take a long time to detail them here. You may very well ask for a statement.

Damage caused to the M. C. road during times of flood.

348. MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLAI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that during times of flood many parts of the M. C. road become completely obstructed for communication;

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